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Document Processing Desk - 6(a)(2)
Office of Pesticide Programs - 7504C
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460-0001

RE:

FIFRA § 6(a)(2) Report Vikane* Gas Fumigant

EPA Registration Number: 62719-4 Active Ingredient: Sulfuryl Fluoride CAS Registry Number: 002699-79-8 DERBI Number: 104609

State: FL

Severity Category: H-B

Dow AgroSciences submits the following information in response to its understanding of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's interpretation of FIFRA § 6(a)(2). However, Dow AgroSciences has not concluded that this information regards an "unreasonable adverse effect on the environment" or that it is reportable under FIFRA § 6(a)(2).

Dow AgroSciences received the enclosed information regarding an alleged human exposure.

It is important to note that the Vikane Gas Furnigant label requires the introduction of chloropicrin to the structure prior to furnigation at a rate of one ounce per 10,000-15,000 feet (17-25 ppm) to serve as a warning agent. This warning agent causes smarting of eyes, tearing, throat and nose irritation, and a disagreeable pungent odor at very low concentrations (ca. 0.3 ppm).

The Vikane Gas Fumigant label states the following: "When fumigating, observe local, state and federal rules and regulations including such things as use of chloropicrin, clearing devices, positive-pressure self contained breathing apparatus, security requirements, and placement of warning signs: Extremely Hazardous Liquid and Vapor Under Pressure, Inhalation of Vapors may be Fatal." Under the "Preparation for Fumigation" section of the label, the use directions for structural fumigation state "Remove from the siructure to be fumigated all persons, domestic animals, pets - including fish and desirable growing plants." Also, under the Aeration and Reentry section of the label, use directions state "... treated area must be aerated until the level of sulfuryl fluoride is 5 ppm or less, as measured by a detection device with sufficient sensitivity such as an INTERSCAN or MIRAN gas analyzer." Within this section of the label it further states "Do not raoccupy fumigation site, i.e. building, ship, vehicle or chamber, nor move vehicle until aeration is complete."

if you wish to discuss this matter further, please call us.

Regards,

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FIFRA § 6(a)(2) Global Adverse Effects Reporting Form

FIFRA § 6(a)(2) does not require investigation of alleged incidents. Please complete this form, to the best of

your ability, receive addi	, with the knowledge tional information it	you have on any inci is your responsibility	dent without fi to submit a su	urther investigation. Howe pplemental report.	ever, if you	
Send compl	eted forms to:					
e-mail: Aerc@dowagro.com		Questions:	Global AERC Administrator (317) 337-4656			
mail:	Dow AgroSciences			(317) 337-4030		
	9330 Zionsville Ro	== ==				
	Indianapolis, IN 46					
	Attention: AERC-	308 Building				
Admini	strative Info	rmation				
Your Name: Paul Brownson						
Date you became aware of the Incident: (month/day/year) 1-18-02						
Reporter (p	erson reporting in	cident to you):				
Last Name: Reece First Name: Dr. Jay						
Street Addre						
City: Tam		State/Country: FL		Zip Code:	33617-4057	
Telephone N	lumber: 813-988-83	311, fax 813-989-3164				
	rson (if different f	rom the Reporter)				
Last Name:	Hindes	First Name				
Street Addre		Zionsville Rd, 308/3A	-314			
	anapolis	State/Country: IN		Zip Code:	46268	
Telephone N	(umber: 317-337-4	396				
Product Information						
Product(s) in	volved: Vikane				□ = :	

U.S. EPA Registration Number: 62719-4 Exposed to concentrate prior to dilution: Yes No □ Unknown Revised: 7/25/00

Exposure Information					
Date of Exposure: unknown					
Geographical location of exposure: Florida					
How exposed?					
Brief description of alleged incident:					
1-18-02 Dr. Jay Reece of Tampa FL inquires regarding biomonitoring for a patient with alleged Vikane exposure: this patient does fumigation with Vikane & has been noted by family to demonstrate mood swings and apparent personality changes. Dr. Reece wishes to rule out Vikane exposure as a cause, and inquires regarding biomonitoring methods. I described ACGIH Biologic Exposure Indices for pre & post exposure urine fluoride monitoring (preshift 3.0 mg/gm creatinine, postshift 10mg/gm creatinine). I pointed out confounding sources of urine fluoride such as toothpaste, treated water, vitamins, etc. I faxed Dr. Reece LabCorp's catalog page for urinary fluorides and a TIME A report on sulfuryl fluoride.					
Application Circumstances Evidence label directions were not followed: Yes No Unknown					
Application was made by:					
Pest Control Operator Lawn Care Operator Homeowner Other					
Circumstances regarding application:					
Unknown					

Domestic Animal Fish/Wildlife (Fill out the appropriate attached page)

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Type of incident:

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Alleged Human Exposure

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Clarify how many people are involved with the alleged exposure:						
Age, if known, adult or child: Child Adult						
Gender: Male Female If female, is she pregnant? Yes No Unknown						
Occupation (if related to use of product): PCO						
Was protective clothing worn: Yes No unknown						
How many workdays were lost due to illness: unknown						
Route of exposure: Skin Eye Ingestion Inhalation Unknown						
Was alleged adverse effect a result of: Suicide/Homicide Attempted suicide/ N/A homicide						
Time between exposure and onset of symptoms: (hr/day/min) unknown						
Symptoms experienced: Mood swings & observed personality changes						
Type of medical care sought: clinic						
Laboratory test results: (attach copy if available)						
Explanatory or qualifying information surrounding the incident:						
Treating Physician's Information						
Last Name: Reece First Name: Jay						
Street Address: 10320 N. 56st Street						
City: Tampa State/Country: FL Zip Code: 33617-4057						
Telephone Number: 813-988-8311						

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